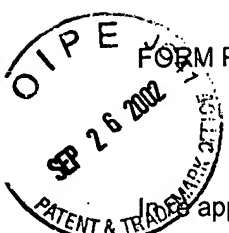


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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the present application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, starting at line 11 with the following text:

It is therefore an advantage of the present invention to provide a technique to assist a customer enterprise to easily check whether its equipment requires maintenance work or not. Another advantage is to provide a technique that assists equipment maintenance service enterprises to propose service contents which can be offered, and customer to order maintenance work that can easily be performed. Still another advantage is to provide information for the customer to determine whether maintenance work is required or not and a technique for the customer to determine objectively which equipment maintenance service enterprise is offering maintenance work most appropriate and to order maintenance service at the most possible low cost.

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